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SUBJECT: WALVIS BAY COLOREDS CHOOSE NAMIBIA

1. ACCORDING TO LEADERS OF THE LABOUR PARTY RECENTLY RETURNED FROM SOUTHWEST AFRICA, COLORED PEOPLE IN THE WALVIS BAY AREA WANT THE PORT TO BE PART OF A MULTIRACIAL SWA/NAMIBIA.

2. LABOUR PARTY LEADERS HAD GONE TO WALVIS BECAUSE COLORED VOTERS OF THAT TOWN HAD RECENTLY BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM THE ROLLS OF THE COLORED COUNCIL OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA TO THE COLORED REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL, TAFELBERG (DOWNTOWN CAPE TOWN) CONSTITUENCY ROLLS. THEY WERE THEREFORE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE TAFELBERG BY-ELECTION AUGUST 16, AND LABOUR PARTY LEADERS INTENDED TO CANVAS SUPPORT FOR THE PARTY'S BY-ELECTION CANDIDATE.

3. ACCORDING TO DAVID CURRY, LABOUR PARTY DEPUTY LEADER, MOST OF WALVIS BAY COLOREDS WERE NOT EVEN AWARE THEY HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE CRC ROLLS. AT A PUBLIC MEETING
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ATTENDED BY A MAJORITY OF WALVIS COLOREDS, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO PROTEST THIS ACTION BY BOYCOTTING THE FORTHCOMING CRC BY-ELECTION.

4. CURRY SAID THERE WERE WIDESPREAD FEARS AMONG WALVIS POPULACE THAT DISCRIMINATING LEGISLATION WHICH HAD BEEN SCRAPPED UNDER SWA ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOW BE REVERTED

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